

**DECLARATION OF JACK O. BISH**

I, Jack O. Bish, declare as follows:

3       1. The error in inventorship that occurred in United States Patent Application  
4 10/626197, entitled "Plated Base Plate for Suspension Assembly in Disk Drive," filed on July 22,  
5 2003, causing me to inadvertently be omitted as an inventor, occurred without any deceptive  
6 intention on my part.

Executed on September 10, 2003, at Santa Barbara, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
Jack O. Bish

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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or any original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**PLATED BASE PLATE FOR SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY IN DISK DRIVE**

the specification of which

is attached hereto.  
 was filed on July 22, 2003 as  
United States Application Number 10/626,197  
or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the invention was not published in an application filed before my invention, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
			<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	STATUS
10/241,609	September 10, 2002	Pending

I hereby appoint IRELL & MANELLA LLP, a firm including: Paul Backofen, Reg. No. 42,278; Reynaldo C. Barceló, Reg. No. 42,290 Norman E. Brunell, Reg. No. 26,533; Gary Frischling, Reg. No. 35,515; Joshua C. Harrison, Reg. No. 45,686; Benjamin Hattenbach, Reg. No. 41,820; Andrei Iancu, Reg. No. 41,862; Jonathan Lindsay, Reg. No. 45,810; Samuel K. Lu, Reg. No. 40,707; Kimberley G. Nobles, Reg. No. 38,255; Lisa Partain, Reg. No. 40,763; Babak Redjaian, Reg. No. 42,096; Flavio Rose, Reg. No. 40,791; and Ben J. Yorks, Reg. No. 33,609; my attorneys; with offices located at 840 Newport Center Drive, Suite 400, Newport Beach, California 92660, telephone (949) 760-0991, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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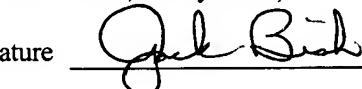
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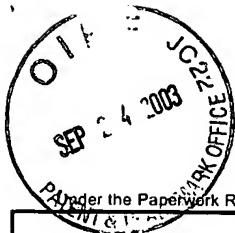
Dear Commissioner for Patents,

Intri-Plex Technologies, Inc. ("IPT"), assignee of the whole interest in United States Patent Application 10/626,197 ("the Patent Application"), consents to a change of the inventorship of the Patent Application to reflect the four inventors: Damon D. Brink, Ryan J. Schmidt, Kevin P. Hanrahan, Jack O. Bish. All four of these inventors have assigned the whole of their interest in the Patent Application to IPT.

Best regards,



Lawney Falloon  
President & CEO  
Intri-Plex Technologies Inc.



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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: INTRI-PLEX TECHNOLOGIES, INC.Application No.: 10/626,197 Filed Date: JULY 22, 2003Entitled: PLATED BASE PLATE FOR SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY IN DISK DRIVEINTRI-PLEX TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a CORPORATION

(Name of Assignee)

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in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

- A.  An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, a copy of that assignment being attached.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

September 19, 2003  
DateJoshua Harrison

Typed or printed name

  
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## **ASSIGNMENT**

In consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, the undersigned:

**Damon D. Brink, Ryan J. Schmidt, and Kevin P. Hanrahan**

hereby sell, assign, and transfer to:

**INTRI-PLEX TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

a California Corporation, having a principal place of business at 751 South Kellogg Avenue, Santa Barbara, California, 93117 ("Assignee"), and its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title, and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all inventions and improvements that are disclosed in the application for the United States patent that has been executed by the undersigned prior hereto or concurrently herewith on the dates indicated below and is entitled:

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and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, continuation-in-part, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications that have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said inventions and improvements; and in and to all original and reissued patents that have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said inventions and improvements; and in and to all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and in all subsequent PCT and foreign applications claiming priority to the United States application;

agree that said Assignee may apply for and receive a patent or patents for said inventions and improvements in its own name; and that, when requested, without charge to, but at the expense of, said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this Assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, continuation-in-part, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all said inventions and improvements; execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney, and other papers; communicate to said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and representatives all facts known to the undersigned relating to said inventions and improvements and the history thereof; and generally assist said Assignee, its successors, assigns, or representatives in securing and maintaining proper patent protection for said inventions and improvements and for vesting title to said inventions and improvements, and all applications for patents and all patents on said improvements, in said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives; and covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license, or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned, and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.

**Each Inventor: Please Sign and Date Below:**

**Each inventor: Please also  
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